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Application of: J. GAUTIER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1743

Application No.: 09/394,647

Examiner: Arlen Soderquist
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For: AQUEOUS SOLUTION BASED ON AN
AZO DYE, PROCESS FOR ITS
MANUFACTURE AND USE THEREOF

Confirmation No.: 4586

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 8, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with a Request for Continuing Examination ("RCE") of the subject application.

Submitted herewith are: (i) a Request for Continued Examination transmittal; (ii) a Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee; (iii) a Fee Sheet for the addition of a new claim; (iv) Appendix A, a marked-up version of the amended claims showing the amendments made herein, with insertions underlined and deletions bracketed; and (v) Appendix B, a clean version of all claims as pending. All claim amendments have been bolded for convenience of reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 11, 18 and 19 to read as follows:

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